

NORTHEAST VALLEY COALITION AGAINST METHAMPHETAMINE

Planning Meeting Summary September 28, 2006

I. Welcome & Opening Remarks

Brent Stockwell welcomed participants and thanked Fort McDowell for hosting the meeting. Participants introduced themselves and the organization they represented. Brent gave an overview of the coalition and its purpose. The current phase I grant is to complete a needs assessment and strategic plan related to decreasing the impact of methamphetamine on the coalition communities.

II. Coalition Announcements

Brent Stockwell announced that Attorney General Terry Goddard, Lt. Steve Gesell, Scottsdale Police Department and Donald Santeo, coalition member, spoke at a breakfast and resource Fair on September 21st. A video is available of the event for those interested.

Brent Stockwell gave a report on the Substance Abuse Coalition Forum held on September 13th. The meeting was helpful in terms of providing training materials and hearing the experiences of other communities in building coalitions. The Governor's Office also spoke in the afternoon and indicated that the second phase of the grant cycle will not be competitive. More details will be forthcoming.

III. Presentation By Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation

Gwen Bahe, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Council Member spoke about the impacts of meth on her family. At age 15, her daughter used meth once on a dare from her cousin and became addicted. Her daughter became pregnant and at delivery, both mother and baby tested positive for meth. The family, through their faith has worked to help their daughter with her addiction. Ms. Bahe now has full custody of her granddaughter. Her daughter eventually came forward and went into treatment.

The Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation has 940 members, 60% of whom are under age 18. The community is concerned about methamphetamine use among youth and the potential threat to the future of the tribe. The youngest case of meth use was with a nine year old.

IV. Presentation By Salt River-Pima Maricopa Indian Community

Detective Jamie Lomay, Salt River-Pima Maricopa Police Department gave a presentation on the COIL Project. COIL stands for Crimes on Indian Lands. The COIL Operation is a multi-agency cooperative between the DEA, ICE, FBI, ATF, Postal service, US Attorney's Office, the BIA and local police departments (Mesa, Scottsdale, and Salt River). The project targeted meth dealers from the lowest to the highest levels,

in particular the pipeline through Mexico. The US Attorney's Office prosecuted everyone through Federal Court.

In eight months, the project has resulted in 31 arrests, seizure of \$1.5 million worth of meth, \$50,000 in cash and numerous weapons. Fifteen pounds of meth or 500,000 doses were taken off of the street.

Users give the following reasons for using meth: experimentation, parent's use, apathy, eat as an appetite suppressant, peer pressure, the gang does it, death in the family, availability, and depression.

In terms of drug trends, meth is the most widely abused drug, most often smoked in a glass pipe. Marijuana is the most available drug. Meth is the second most available. Meth is the most profitable drug. The other most popular drugs are cocaine, crack, prescription drugs, and heroine.

Gangs, guns and drugs go together. Between January and June there were 54 drive by shootings. The number is up to 64 now. One officer has been shot and some officers are being targeted to be shot. Gangs will shoot up a car and abandon it to test what kinds of ammunition will go through.

V. Nominate Representatives for Steering Committee

Karen Kurtz reminded the group of the characteristics for Steering Committee members: geographic representation, subcommittee chairs, variety of disciplines, people in leadership roles, and people who can influence change. Brent Stockwell asked for names of those interested in serving on the Steering Committee. The following nominations were identified by the end of the meeting:

Leslie Reeves, ASU, Needs Assessment Subcommittee Chair
Phil Riccio, Scottsdale PD, Needs Assessment Co-Chair
Donald Santeo, SRPMIC
Gina Durbin, Cave Creek School District
Diane McMillan, Not My Kid, Resources Subcommittee Co-chair

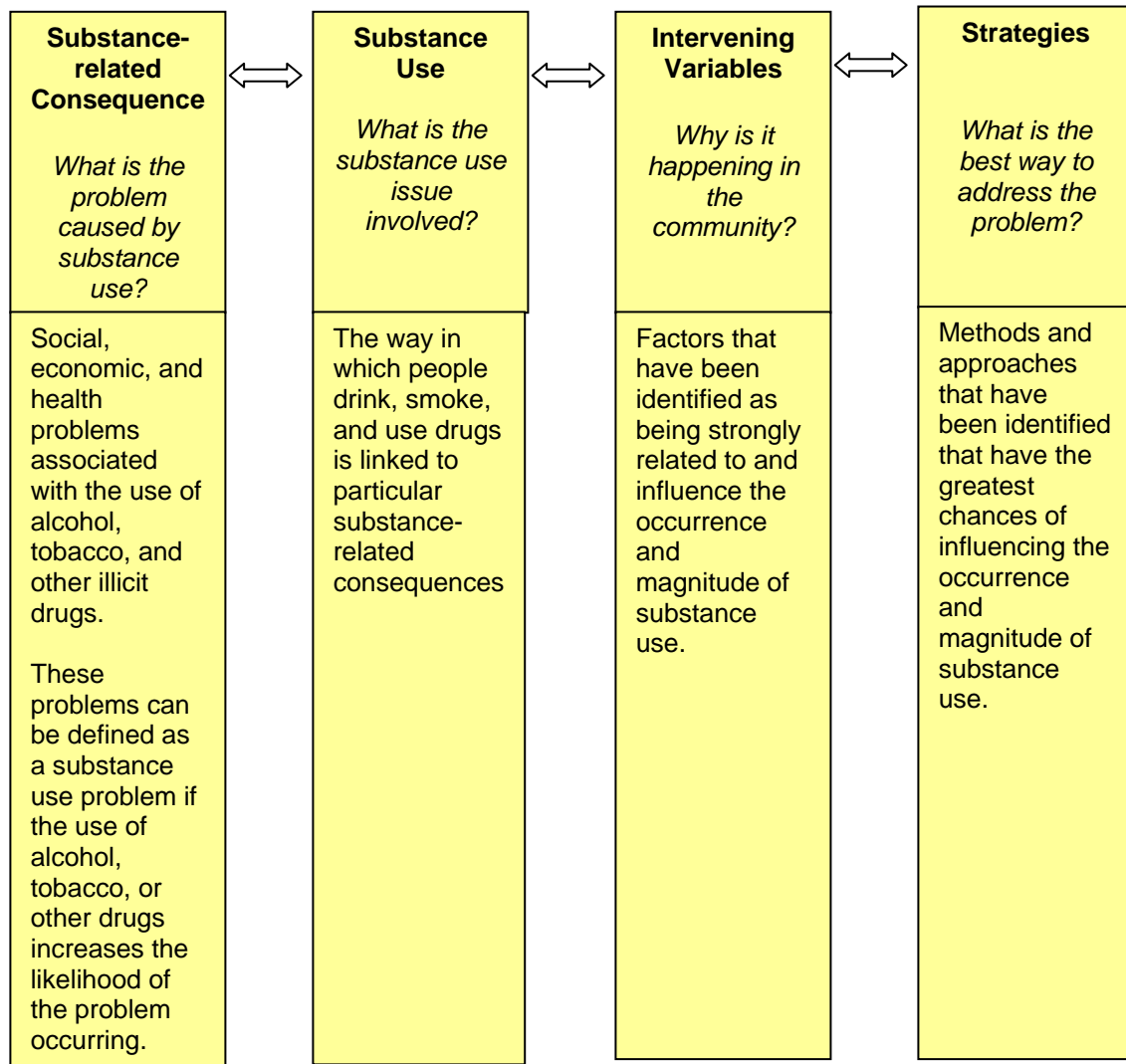
Brent Stockwell will continue taking nominations via email. The coalition will select the steering committee at the October meeting.

VI. Subcommittee Action Plans

The coalition convened two subcommittees: the resources subcommittee and the needs assessment subcommittee. Brent Stockwell met with the Resources Subcommittee and Karen Kurtz met with the Needs Assessment Subcommittee.

Needs Assessment Subcommittee

Karen Kurtz introduced the logic model for the needs assessment and worked through an example of how it works. This is the model the SPF-SIG is also using for substance abuse prevention efforts.



Karen reviewed the six issues the coalition chose as the top priorities:

- Increase in fraud, forgery, counterfeit, identity theft (10)
- Increase in child abuse (6)
- Increase in child neglect (5)
- Increase in domestic violence (5)
- Increase in burglaries (5)
- Increased need for foster care (4)

The group decided that the first step is to hear from representatives from local crime analysis units to determine the types of data available. Phil Riccio agreed to bring a crime analyst from the Scottsdale PD and Donald Santeo would bring a representative from SRPD. There are confidentiality issues with information from the tribes that may have to be worked through.

Before the close of the meeting, the subcommittee discussed the meeting process. The next two meetings would happen during the monthly coalition meetings. At some point, the subcommittee may start meeting at other times. Leslie Reeves agreed to serve as the subcommittee chair and Phil Riccio agreed to serve as a co-chair for the needs assessment subcommittee.

Resource Inventory Subcommittee

The subcommittee members are: Tom Putrow, Banner Health; Jarvis, Qumyintewa, Ft. McDowell PD; Stephanie Kreiling, Community Bridges; Rick Cookemboo, Paradise Valley PD; Mariana VanMeter, Scottsdale Public Library; Winnie Mendivil, SRPMIC Children & Family Services; Judy Register, City of Scottsdale; Diane McMillan, notMYkid; Bill Brown, Art of Recovery Expos/AZ Together Newspaper; Tom Ellis, Croft Workplace Drug Programs.

Subcommittee Leadership:

- Co-Chairs – Diane McMillan and Brent Stockwell (interim). Will be the key contact person(s) for the subcommittee, set meeting agendas, send emails between monthly meetings (if needed), request action of other committee members
- Recorder – Judy Register. Will record and maintain record of subcommittee meetings and the roster of subcommittee members.

Stephanie agreed to serve as the spokesperson for the resource inventory subcommittee when we get into the implementation stage (~April 2007). The spokesperson will represent the subcommittee to those outside of the Coalition, and will take into consideration communications to the Native American and non-English speaking communities.

Goals of the subcommittee: The subcommittee members at this meeting agreed that the initial focus of the resource inventory will be methamphetamine. Future projects may include additional resources on other substances.

Meetings: will be held as part of the monthly Coalition meetings and will not require members to meet in person between those meetings. Use of emails and conference calls between monthly meetings, if necessary, will be encouraged.

It is necessary that committee membership be firmed up by someone contacting those who are unable to attend a monthly meeting to determine their continued interest and availability to work on a project (e.g. to encourage them to submit resource information

using the criteria and format approved by the committee; to solicit a Co-Chairperson from those indicating interest in this committee).

Agenda items for the October 26 meeting:

- Format for subcommittee members to use for collecting and reporting on resources they would like to include in the inventory.
- Criteria to use in determining if a resource is to be added to the inventory.
- Identification of professional to develop inventory product from the information submitted by subcommittee members (including electronic and hard copy).
- Timeline for submission of, selection and development of inventory product(s).
- Identification of additional roles for subcommittee members, if needed (e.g. subcommittee membership).
- Discussion of resources identified to date by subcommittee members (using original resources and/or lists of known resources – including education, prevention, treatment, transitional housing, youth programs, etc.).

Next subcommittee meeting: Thursday, October 26, 2006

Upcoming Meetings

At the next coalition meetings, the group will hear a presentation for a portion of the meeting and then convene in subcommittees. The next two meetings are scheduled as follows:

Thursday, October 26

9-noon
Paiute Neighborhood Center
6535 E. Osborn Rd.
Scottsdale, 85251

Thursday, November 16

9-noon
Horizon Community Center
15444 N. 100th St.
Scottsdale, 85260